

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 27, 2004. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action are respectfully requested.

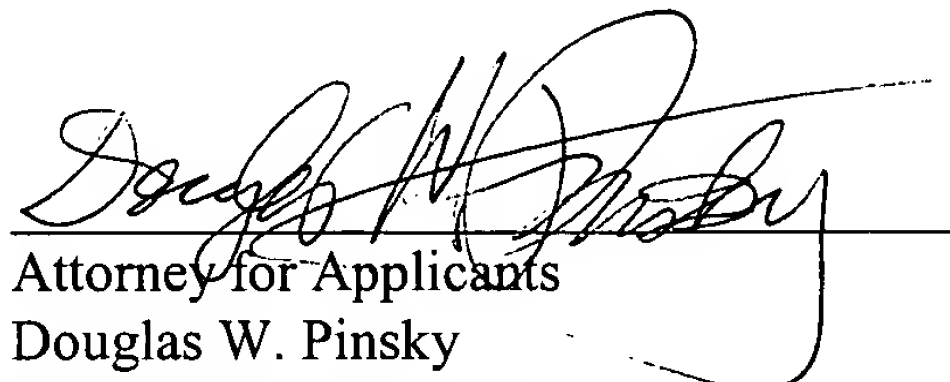
Claims 17 and 30-34 are pending. Claims 11-16, 18-21, 23-29 and 35 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 17, 30 and 32 have been amended. Support for the claim amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added. Claims 17 and 30 are in independent form.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 17 and 30-34 were indicated as allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim. These claims have been so rewritten. Since these claims are the sole claims pending in the subject application, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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